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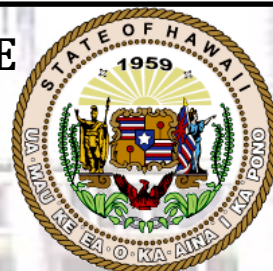
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Aloha,

Our nation, state, and local communities of Mililani and Waipio Gentry will incur many changes as we prepare of a new President.

The House of Representatives are also transitioning as we all prepare for the opening of the 25th Hawaii State Legislature. Among the many recent changes, my position in the House of Representatives has likewise changed to become the new Chairman of the House committee on Health. With this new chairmanship, I have also changed the committees of which I was a member of for the previous two years. For the 2009-2010 Legislative Sessions, I will be sitting as a member on the committees of Education, Higher Education, Hawaiian Affairs, and Human Services.

I am always searching for new opportunities to better serve the people of Mililani and Waipio Gentry, and I hope my membership of these committees will enable me to secure more attention to our community. With the upcoming economic forecasts our state has predicated, I look forward to the challenges the legislature will face in funding adequate programs ranging from the education of our keiki and ourselves to proper healthcare initiatives to keep our people healthy.

I am dedicated to working hard to serve you. Please feel free to contact me anytime by phone, fax, or email and mahalo for your continued support.

I wish you Happy Holidays this Holiday Season

With Warmest Aloha,

Ryan Yamane

Upcoming Important Community Events

I would like to share with you very important information of upcoming events and meetings you may want to attend for your own information and assistance.

Public Hearing on Rail Transit:

- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6PM, Filipino Community Ctr (Waipahu)**

Public Rail Transit Hearing on Rail Draft EIS

by the City and County of Honolulu

This meeting will hear and encourage public discussion on the recent information released on the City's Rail Transit draft Environmental Impact statement. It will also include information on the rail system, rail stations and locations, costs, economic impacts, job creation, environmental impact, and steel on steel technology.

Website: <http://www.honolulutrainsit.org/>

Holiday Events for the Family:

- **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 9AM, Mililani Christmas Parade**

Sponsored by the Mililani Town Association

Celebrate the holiday and spirit of Christmas with your neighbors around Mililani! The Parade begins at the Mililani Town Center and ends at the Mililani Shopping Center with an award ceremony to follow.

- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6PM, Honolulu Hale**

Honolulu City Lights Tree Lighting Ceremony

by the City and County of Honolulu

Celebrate the 23rd Annual Honolulu City Lights Tree Lighting Ceremony at Honolulu Hale. Tree lighting begins at 6:00pm, wreath lighting begins at 6:30pm, and the holiday concert begins at 7:00pm. If you are unable to attend the lighting ceremony, don't worry, the Honolulu City Lights will continue to be lit until January 1, 2009.

<http://www.honolulucitylights.org/>

- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 9AM Waipio Gentry Christmas Parade**

Sponsored by the Gentry Waipio Community Association

Celebrate the holiday season and the spirit of Christmas with your neighbors around Waipio Gentry! 'Tis the season!

Mililani Wastewater Facility Holds Public Informational Meeting

On October 3rd, the City held a public informational meeting at Mililani Uka Elementary School cafeteria to clarify and inform nearby residents of upgrades and developments to the Mililani Wastewater Facility.

It was discussed that the headworks of the facility were the major modifications in the upgrade in order to follow federal EPA wastewater guidelines. Other modifications included in the upgrade will be over the existing sludge pump building, a replacement of a lower-powered air blower and modifications to the drying beds.

During the presentation, it was discovered that many of the odors observed nearby the Wastewater Treatment Facility were released by sewer manholes due to a backup of high flows at the headworks station. Officials noted the sanitary problems this will cause and will also dedicate their focus on reducing this odor release from the manholes.

It was noted that the Mililani Wastewater Facility will not take any additional flow from the areas of Waipio Gentry, Koa Ridge, or from the future Waiawa development but may accept additional flows from Mililani Mauka, Launani Valley and Mililani Tech Park.



The following Saturday, on October 4th, the Mililani Wastewater Facility was open for the public to see and explore. I also had the opportunity to attend the site-visit to the Mililani Wastewater Facility.

Honolulu EMS Receives Ambulances

After years of tirelessly advocating through the appropriation process, I am very proud to see new ambulances on our streets. This past January, the City and County recently opened the Waipio EMS ambulance unit, which has responded to many local emergency calls.

This month I was able to see four brand-new ambulances which will assist many of those in need in other Oahu communities. Prior to these new ambulances, Honolulu EMS reported the mileage of some vehicles in their fleet to exceed 200,000 miles.



Mililani Elected Officials Meet with Area Principals

As the legislature prepares for the upcoming legislative session (to begin on January 21st, 2009), Representative Marilyn Lee, Senator Michelle Kidani, and I had the opportunity to meet with all of the local principals of Mililani Uka, Waena, Mauka, 'Ike, Kipapa and Kanoelani Elementary Schools as well as Mililani Middle School and Mililani High School these past two weeks to discuss the support and assistance our schools need from the legislature.

Although many of our requested capital improvement projects passed the previous legislative session to replace school alarm systems, stabilize an eroding slope on Mililani Uka's property, provide adequate building space and parking for Mililani Waena and Mililani High Schools to better serve our Mililani students; much of this funding was not released by the Governor. Many of these requests are made on behalf of the safety and wellbeing of our keiki to provide them a safe and comfortable learning experience so that they may excel.

I urge supporters of our local Mililani and Waipio schools to contact their respective school and ask whether they have received any of their CIP request released by the Governor.

I will continue to support our schools' development and funding this upcoming 2009 legislative session but kindly request the support of the people of Mililani and Waipio Gentry to ensure the community support on behalf of these schools.